

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ghislain Bossut et al. (US 6,195,101, hereafter "Ghislain Bossut"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as set forth below.

Ghislain Bossut relates to a method and system for enabling a user to import a user-defined graphics edit into at least one template, the method including the steps of selecting at least one first editable object, editing at least part of the at least one first editable object, thereby producing a user-defined graphics edit, saving the user-defined graphics edit, selecting a template containing at least one second editable object; and applying at least part of the user-defined graphics edit to at least part of the at least one second editable object within the template.

Applicant submits that Ghislain Bossut fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of independent claim 1. In particular, Applicant submits that Ghislain Bossut does not disclose displaying a crop boundary with a reference point on an image to synthesize on a screen, upon selecting a template having at least a frame, the crop boundary having a corresponding shape to that of the frame of the selected template and being variable in size while keeping the same shape and being centered on the reference point. In particular, Applicant submits that Ghislain Bossut fails to disclose a crop boundary with a reference point. The Examiner points to col. 2, lines 3-4 as disclosing cropping. Applicant agrees that the cited excerpt of the reference discloses cropping, but Ghislain Bossut does not disclose a crop boundary with a reference point. The Examiner is correct that the reference discloses the user-defined edit contains geometric parameters (col. 2, lines 65-66), but Applicant submits that nothing in the reference teaches or

suggests a crop boundary with a reference point. The Examiner asserts that “geometric parameters” corresponds to “points, lines, angles,” but there is no teaching or suggestion of this alleged correspondence in the reference. Furthermore, Ghislain Bossut fails to teach or suggest a crop boundary being centered on the reference point, as recited in claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is not anticipated by Ghislain Bossut for at least these reasons.

With further regard to claim 1, Applicant submits that Ghislain Bossut does not teach or suggest pasting the cropped image in the frame of the template after enlarging or reducing the cropped image in accordance with the size of the frame of the template. The Examiner refers to col. 9, lines 29-49, as allegedly disclosing this feature of the claim, but Applicant disagrees. The cited excerpt describes the substitution of images, including repositioning of images into different templates. However, the disclosure does not describe pasting the cropped image in the frame of the template after enlarging or reducing the cropped image. Instead, the reference describes substituting one image for another. Hence, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable for this reason as well.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that claims 2-4 are not anticipated by Ghislain Bossut, at least because of their dependence from claim 1.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that the reference does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 2 of the reference point being located inside the crop boundary at a constant position relative to the crop boundary. Here, the Examiner refers to col. 10, lines 12-19, as allegedly disclosing these features of the claim. However, the cited excerpt actually describes a “zone of interest” which is a part of the real “subject” of the picture, not a reference point located inside the crop boundary at a constant position relative to the crop boundary. The Examiner also

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cites col. 2, lines 65-67, but as noted above, there is no teaching or suggestion of “geometric parameters” corresponding to “points, lines, angles,” as asserted by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 2 is allowable over the prior art for this additional reason.

Also, Applicant submits that Ghislain Bossut fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 3, which recites that the cropped image is automatically enlarged or reduced in accordance with the size of the frame of the selected template. The Examiner asserts that the reference discloses automatic positioning of templates and images using “Glue Properties.” However, even though the reference does appear to disclose automatic repositioning of images, claim 3 does not claim such a feature. Instead, claim 3 recites that the cropped image is automatically enlarged or reduced in accordance with the size of the frame of the selected template. By contrast, Ghislain Bossut does not disclose this feature. Thus, claim 3 is allowable over the prior art for this additional reason.

With respect to independent claim 5, Applicant submits that the claim is not anticipated by the reference for reasons analogous to those discussed in relation to claim 1.

Also, the reference fails to disclose displaying a crop boundary with a reference point on the image on the screen, upon designating a frame size, the crop boundary having an equal aspect ratio to that of the designated frame size and being variable in size while keeping the same aspect ratio and being centered on the reference point, as required by claim 5. The Examiner cites col. 4, lines 24-30, in this regard, but the cited excerpt does not disclose the crop boundary having an equal aspect ratio to that of the designated frame size. Instead, the excerpt says that the aspect ratio of the image is not changed. Moreover, since the excerpt discloses that the image is translated and scaled so that a significant portion of the zone of interest appears within the

cutout, it is clear that not necessarily all of the zone of interest is within the cutout. Thus, the aspect ratio of the zone of interest is not necessarily the same as that of the cutout. Hence, claim 5 is not anticipated by Ghislain Bossut for this additional reason.

Also, the reference fails to disclose moving the crop boundary on the screen through an operation device, to place a predetermined reference point of the crop boundary on an appropriate point of the image. Although the Examiner correctly indicates that Ghislain Bossut discloses (col. 4, lines 24-30) positioning an image relative to a cutout, the reference does not disclose placing a predetermined reference point of the crop boundary on an appropriate point of the image. Rather, the excerpt simply refers to zones of interest. Accordingly, since Ghislain Bossut fails to disclose the reference point, the reference fails to disclose enlarging or reducing the crop boundary about the reference point. Thus, claim 5 is allowable for these reasons too.

Applicant submits that independent claim 6 is allowable over Ghislain Bossut for reasons analogous to those presented above in relation to claim 5.

With regard to claim 7, Applicant submits that claim 7 is allowable over the prior art for reasons analogous to those presented with respect to claim 1.

Furthermore, claims 8-12 are allowable over Ghislain Bossut, at least because of their dependence from claim 7.

With further regard to claim 9, Applicant submits that the applied reference does not teach or suggest the limitations of the claim. FIG. 4 and col. 11, lines 5-8, cited by the Examiner show and describe various cutouts for substitute templates. However, these portions of the reference fail to disclose wherein the display device displays samples of different kinds of templates on a screen in a small size before one of the templates is selected. Such a disclosure is

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simply not present in the portions of the reference cited by the Examiner. Thus, claim 9 is allowable for this reason as well.

Claims 13-16 are added to describe features of the invention more particularly.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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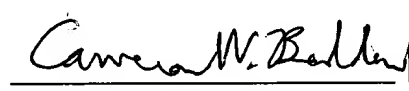
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